

CLAIMS AMENDMENTS

Please amend Claims 1,2, 9, 10, and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus comprising:
first input means for inputting first data created by predetermined application software;
second input means for inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data;
registration means for registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index;
output means for outputting either of the first and second data which are registered in the database;
designation means for designating an output method by said output means from a plurality of output methods;
index input means for inputting ~~information representing the~~ specific index; and
control means for ~~so controlling as to selecting~~ either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated by said designation means ~~from the database and the information which is input by said index input means and represents the index, and cause~~ causing said output means to output the selected data in accordance with the designated output method.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the apparatus further comprises printing means for printing an image obtained by synthesizing ~~[[the]]~~ information representing the index and the second data input by said second input means, and

said index input means inputs the information representing the index by reading, by a reading device, the image which is obtained by synthesizing the information representing the index and the data input by said second input means and is printed by said printing means.

3. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a barcode.

4. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by a character string.

5. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein the information representing the index is expressed by each character spacing in a predetermined character string.

6. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein
said output means includes said printing means, and
when the output method designated by said designation means is printed
by said printing means, said control means so controls as to select the second data and cause said
printing means to print an image based on the second data.

7. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein
the apparatus further comprises transmission means for transmitting data
as one of said output means, and

when the output method designated by said designation means is
transmission by said transmission means, said control means so controls as to cause said
transmission means to transmit the first data.

8. (Original) The apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the database is constructed by a terminal connected via a network.

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing method comprising:
a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software;
a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data;
a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index;
a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods;
an index input step of inputting information representing the specific index; and
an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step ~~and the information which is input in the index input step and represents the index~~, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method.

10. (Currently Amended) A program which causes a computer to execute
a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,
a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data,
a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index,

a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,

an index input step of inputting information representing the specific index, and

an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step ~~and the information which is input in the index input step and represents the index~~, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method.

11. (Currently Amended) A program stored on a computer readable storage medium which stores a program for causing a computer to execute

a first input step of inputting first data created by predetermined application software,

a second input step of inputting second data converted into image data of a predetermined format on the basis of the first data,

a registration step of registering the first and second data in a database in correspondence with a specific index,

a designation step of designating an output method of the data registered in the database from a plurality of output methods,

an index input step of inputting ~~information representing the~~ specific index, and

an output step of selecting either of the first and second data corresponding to the specific index input by said index input means on the basis of a kind of the output method designated from the database in the designation step ~~and the information which is input in the index input step and represents the index~~, and outputting the selected data in accordance with the designated output method.